



# STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

July 3, 2007

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received a complete application for a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit, NV0022675, from the following applicant:

Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.  
P.O. Box 29  
Elko, Nevada 89803

The Applicant has requested continued authorization to discharge treated groundwater withdrawn from mine dewatering wells to the Humboldt River via pipelines, lined canals, Whitehouse Ditch, and Rock Creek at a maximum rate of 110.0 million gallons per day (MGD) and a maximum thirty-day average of 100.8 MGD from the Boulder Valley Treatment Plant. The primary discharge point to the Humboldt River is located in Eureka County, approximately three miles west of Dunphy, Nevada. This discharge will consist of groundwater that, after treatment to reduce the total dissolved solids, boron, and fluoride concentrations and temperature, will meet all appropriate Humboldt River drinking water, aquatic life and irrigation standards. Monitoring will continue to be required to ensure that the water in the Humboldt River is not degraded by this potential discharge. The Applicant has not discharged to the Humboldt under this permit since February 1999.

On the basis of preliminary review of the requirements of the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Clean Water Act, as amended, and implementing regulations, the Administrator proposes to issue Permit NV0022675 to discharge for a five (5) year period, subject to certain effluent limitations.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on July 31, 2007, either in person or by mail to:

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources  
Division of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Water Pollution Control  
901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001  
Carson City, Nevada 89701-5249

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The request must be filed within the comment period and must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day period will be considered in the formulation of final determination(s) regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. A public notice of such hearing will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the hearing date.

If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Bruce Holmgren, Bureau of Water Pollution Control, at (775) 687-9423 or at [bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov](mailto:bholmgre@ndep.nv.gov). The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. For further information, the fact sheet for this project can be viewed at the following website: <http://ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm>.